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SUBJECT: UNESCO 98TH EXBD: VOTE ON REGIONAL GROUP
RESOLUTION

REFS: (A) STATE 244610: (B) PARIS 26388

1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL (A), DELOFF COMPARED INITIAL TALLY REPORTED REFTEL (B) WITH SENEGALESE DEPUTY PERMREP WHO PRESENT AT, AND PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO, OCTOBER 8 VOTING. PERMDEL AND SENEGALESE COUNTS OF SHOW-OF-HANDS VOTE CONFIRM FOLLOWING COUNTRIES' BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR: ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, BELGIUM, COLOMBIA, DAHOMEY (NOT INCLUDED IN REFTEL (B) TALLY), FRANCE, FRG, GABON, GHANA, ITALY, KENYA, JAPAN, NEPAL, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES, TOGO, URUGUAY, UK, US, UPPER VOLTA AND YUGOSLAVIA.

2. PERMDEL UNABLE NOW TO CONFIRM VOTES OF CHILEAN AND ZAIRE BUT THEY MAY NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN VOTE. WHEREAS PERMDEL ORIGINALLY REPORTED ZAIRE AS VOTING IN FAVOR, SENEGALESE RECOLLECTION IS THAT ALTHOUGH ZAIRE CARRIED AS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE RESOLUTION, THEY MAY NOT RPT NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTUAL VOTE.
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ZAIROIS PERMREP ABSENT WITH EXBD VISIT TO EGYPT AT

PRESENT.

3. HOWEVER, ZAIROIS TOLD DELOFF A FEW DAYS BEFORE VOTE THAT THEIR BOARD MEMBER HAD BEEN INCLUDED AS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE RESOLUTION BUT THE AFRICAN BLOC LOBBYING FOR IT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING CONSENT OF ZAIROIS BOARD MEMBER. AS GOZ, ACCORDING TO SENEGALESE DEPUTY PERMREP, AT LAST MINUTE INQUIRED AS TO RESPECTIVE ARAB AND BLACK AFRICAN POSITIONS ON RESOLUTION, ZAIROIS HERE MAY HAVE CHOSEN TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTING. PERMDEL WILL ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM WHEN GOZ PERMREP RETURNS, BUT WE THINK NON-PARTICIPATION WAS LIKELY AS ZAIRE'S INCLUSION WOULD BRING TOTAL TO 24 VOTES IN FAVOR AND OFFICIAL BOARD COUNT WAS 23. NEVERTHELESS, SUCH TALLIES BY THE SECRETARIAT CAN BE AN ERROR, AND HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST, BECAUSE ALL EXBD VOTES ARE BY SIMPLE SHOW OF HANDS.

4. HOWEVER, THERE NO DOUBT THAT CUBA, SPAIN AND UGANDA ABSTAINED, OR THAT BULGARIA, GDR AND USSR VOTED AGAINST.

5. NOT PARTICIPATING WERE JAMAICA (BOARD CHAIRMAN WYNTER PRESIDED OVER SESSION), MAURITANIA, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, SYRIA, TUNISIA, PRC, INDIA AND IRAN (LATTER ABSENTED THEMSELVES). IF ZAIRE AND CHILE ALSO DID NOT PARTICIPATE, THIS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR ALL 40 BOARD MEMBER VOTES OR NON-VOTES: 23 IN FAVOR, 3 AGAINST AND 3 WITH 11 NOT VOTING. PERMDEL WILL CONFIRM FOREGOING NEXT WEEK WHEN ZAIROIS AND CHILEANS RETURN.
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